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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTIES CONFERENCES

1. IAN PAISLEY'S DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS MET IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT LARNE APRIL 15 AND 16. ALLIANCE PARTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD APRIL 16 AND 17 IN BELFAST. ALLIANCE IS EXPECTED TO PUT FORWARD 150 CANDIDATES FOR THE LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 18 AND THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP) WILL CONTEST 110 SEATS. THE CONFERENCES DREW 1000 DELEGATES FROM ALLIANCE AND 400 DUP MEMBERS.

2. ALLIANCE:

- (A) REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR AGREED DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT,
 - (B) REJECTED INDEPENDENCE FOR ULSTER AS A VIABLE OPTION,
 - (C) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SPIRIT OF PEACE MOVEMENT BUT DENIED MOVEMENT COULD SUBSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL ACTION,
 - (D) CALLED FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION VOTING IN ALL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR WESTMINSTER,
 - (E) DEMANDED THAT ALL PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS BE PROSCRIBED,
 - (F) OPPOSED ANY MOVE TO GIVE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY
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(RUC) A PARA-MILITARY, ANTI-TERRORISM ROLE,

(G) CONDEMNED DUP FOR ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE COURTS AND FOR FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL IRA TACTICS IN THIS RESPECT.

3. DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS:

(A) CONDEMNED BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR INEFFECTUAL SECURITY POLICIES AND REFUSAL TO RESTORE STORMONT,

(B) CONDEMNED IRISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS POSTURE TOWARD
NORTHERN IRELAND,

(C) REAFFIRMED PARTY OPPOSITION TO MEMBERSHIP IN EEC BUT
INDICATED PAISLEY WOULD CONTEST ELECTION TO EUROPEAN
PARLIAMAVT,

(D) CALLED FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL
OF HOUSING EXECUTIVE,

(E) CHARGE LOYALIST MP'S WITH DUTY TO WORK FOR DOWNFALL OF
LABOUR GOVERNMENT,

(F) REJECTED IN ADVANCE ANY GOVERNMENT MOVE TO CHANGE
EDUCATION SYSTEM TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE,

(G) CALLED FOR SUPPORT OF ULSTER SERVICE CORPS.

4. IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF DUP SUPPORT FOR ULSTER SERVICE CORPS
ON ONE HAND AND ALLIANCE CONDEMNATION OF ATTEMPT INTIMIDATE
COURTS AROUSE FROM FORTHCOMING TRIAL IN PORTADOWN OF FIVE
MEMBERS ULSTER SERVICE CORPS (USC) CHARGED WITH OPERATING
ILLEGAL ROAD-BLOCKS. SOME FORTY MEMBERS USC HAVE BEEN ARRESTED
FOR THIS ACTIVITY. UNITED UNIONIST ACTION COUNCIL (UAC) PLANS
PROTESTS OVER TRIALS. UAC FORMED BY ERNEST BAIRD WITH SUPPORT
ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL AND LUKE-WARMING BACKING OF SOME PROTESTANT
PARA-MILITARY GROUPS HAS VIGOROUS ALLY IN PAISLEY. HE HAS
PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED GOING ON PATROLS WITH USC AND CHALLENGED
GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE HIM FOR IT.

5. A FOOTNOTE TO DUP CONFERENCE, IN SPEECH PAISLEY CLAIMED
SECRETARY OF STATE MASON HAD TOLD HIM ENTIRE BATCH AMERICAN
CARBINES DELIVERED TO RUC WERE DEFECTIVE AND HAD BEEN RETURNED.
PAISLEY ALLEGED CARBINES BOUGHT FROM IRISH-AMERICAN DEALER AND
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THAT THEY HAD BEEN SABOTAGED.SPICER

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